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Council District 13 Mitch O'Farrell

Friends:

My office fields dozens of calls each day, with many constituents asking about policy to address the affordable housing and homeless crises.

Homelessness, and the lack of access to services and affordable housing, is the most important issue facing our city. Los Angeles is the most unaffordable housing market in the country, and it is estimated that there are nearly 28,000 homeless people living on the streets.

During my first term in office, I have worked to combat homelessness using a three-pronged approach: Protecting tenants and preserving our rent stabilized units; Working to increase our supply of affordable housing; and providing access to services and permanent supportive housing.

I want to share some information on these issues, which details the work we have been doing together to increase our affordable housing stock in the City. Please take a look at this link, and if you have any questions, please send me an email at councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org.

Warm regards,

MITCH O'FARRELL

Councilmember, 13th District

HEADLINES

$50K reward announced to find Echo Park murder suspect [EASTSIDER LA]

Celebration marks 50 years since protest sparked Pride [BEVERLY PRESS]

Neighbors brainstorm ideas for East Hollywood park mural [EASTSIDER LA]

City to spotlight Best Picture nominees made in Hollywood [BEVERLY PRESS]

VINE PROJECT TO DETER VANDALISM

ECHO PARK - Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell collaborated with local residents and the Los Angeles Beautification Team on a vining project to deter tagging. The project will grow and green an area along Mohawk Street.

TEAM MITCH MAKING A DIFFERENCE

ELYSIAN VALLEY: The CD13 Clean Team was in the neighborhood this past week, clearing items from Crystal Street between Glover and Dorris Place. We partner with residents who alert us to these situations so we can bring resources to the neighborhoods. See an area that needs attention? Contact Sylvan De La Cruz in our District Office at 213-207-3015.

SEE MORE BEFORE AND AFTER PHOTOS

REFORMING SMALL LOT ORDINANCE

LOS ANGELES - The City's Planning and Land Use Management Committee recently approved an initiative by Councilmember to reform the Small Lot Ordinance. The revised Ordinance will also encourage the use of existing structures and preservation of valuable architecture, such as classic California Bungalow Courts. This approach will result in projects that are designed to be more sensitive to existing residential communities, and create incentives that actually encourage the preservation and enhancement of older homes that contribute to the unique character of our neighborhoods and make communities more livable.

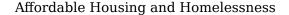READ MORE

CITY GUIDELINES FOR ABANDONED PROPERTY

LOS ANGELES - The following is a list of commonly asked questions regarding abandoned property and encampments, as well as a list of numbers for supportive services in the 13th Council District.

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HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY DAY

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

GLASSELL PARK - Mitch recently organized a coffee and a clean up with the Glassell Park Improvement Association, the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council, Los Angeles Beautification Team, and all our volunteers who helped beautify the area near the Drew-Estara neighborhood. Thank you, Irving Magnet School, for hosting us!

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